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1. Location and main installations: The Kocevje brown coal mine is northeast of the town, between the road connecting Kocevje, Salka Vas, and Zeljne and the field path which runs from Zelnje to Klinja Vas and Kocevje. Until May 1945, when the mine was nationalized, it was owned by the Trbovlje Coal Mine Company. (Trboveljska Premogokopna Druzba). The mine has three main shafts, each about five kilometers long, running underground in the direction of Klinja Vas. The shafts are propped with concrete supports. In September 1943, the mine was partly destroyed by the Partisans who flooded the shafts and the surface coal pit. The surface pit was pumped out in 1945 and the shafts in April 1946. In July 1947, another surface pit was opened in the northern section of the mine.
2. Output: The mine now produces 350 tons of coal daily. Miners work with compressed air tools. Coal from Kocevje is transported to Maribor, via Ljubljana, and is used by the Slovene State Railways.
3. Personnel: The mine employs 350 miners who work in two shifts. They are paid on a piece work basis and wages amount to about 6,000 dinars per month. There are also 50 other workers who receive from 3,500 to 4,500 dinars per month. Most of the miners are Slovenes, except for about 30 families who came to Kocevje from France and Belgium.
4. Mine officials:
 - a. Engineer Stane Burnik, director, 45 years old, married; is not a Communist and is popular with the miners. He is reproached by Communist officials for being too lenient toward the miners when they fail to meet their daily quotas.
 - b. Lovro Cuk, president of the Trade Union Syndicate, 35 years old; enthusiastic Communist.
 - c. Franc Vrtovec, chief supervisor, 56 years old; is not a Communist.
5. Plans for expansion: Before the mine was nationalized in 1945, it employed as many as 1,100 workers. Since 1945 it has failed to reach pre-war

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production figures, and in order to meet the quota set by the Five Year Plan, coal output at Kocevje must be increased 30 percent. Expansion of shafts is planned at two places, toward the west and the east, and surface mining will be increased. A shortage of mining specialists impedes progress, however.

6. Map identification: Numbers of buildings and installations correspond to those on the attached map.

- No. 1 - Administration building, 15 x 8 m, two stories, stone, with tile roof.
- Nos. 2, 3 and 4 - Living quarters for employees; two-story, stone buildings, 15 x 8 m, with tile roofs.
- No. 5 - Director's villa, 20 x 10 m, stone, tile roofed; also contains apartments for senior mine officials.
- No. 6 - Three single-story, wooden, tile-roofed huts, each 20 x 8 m. The first two contain carpenter, locksmith, bricklayer, and machine shops; the third hut is a tool storage room.
- No. 7 - Six stone buildings, known as "The Colony". These buildings, which are in poor condition, are used as living quarters by miners and workers and their families.
- No. 8 - Vertical shaft, 80 m deep, with electric elevator. Power for the elevator is supplied by the mine's steam power plant (No. 16)
- Nos. 9 and 10 - Single-story, stone living quarters for miners and workers.
- No. 11 - Social or Syndicate House (Druzabni ali sindikalni dom), 30 x 10 x 15 m, stone, tile roof.
- No. 12 - Mine railway station; connected with Kocevje railway station on the Ljubljana-Grosuplje-Kocevje line. Narrow gauge track runs to the shaft (No. 8) and to the "Syndicate House" (No. 11), near which is an automatic device for reloading coal from small mine cars to cars of the State Railways.
- No. 13 - Cooperative store known as the "Konzum".
- No. 14 - Living quarters; stone, huts; 25 x 10 m, tile roofed.
- No. 15 - Living quarters; wooden huts.
- No. 16 - Small, steam power plant serving the mine only.
- No. 17 - Old surface pit.

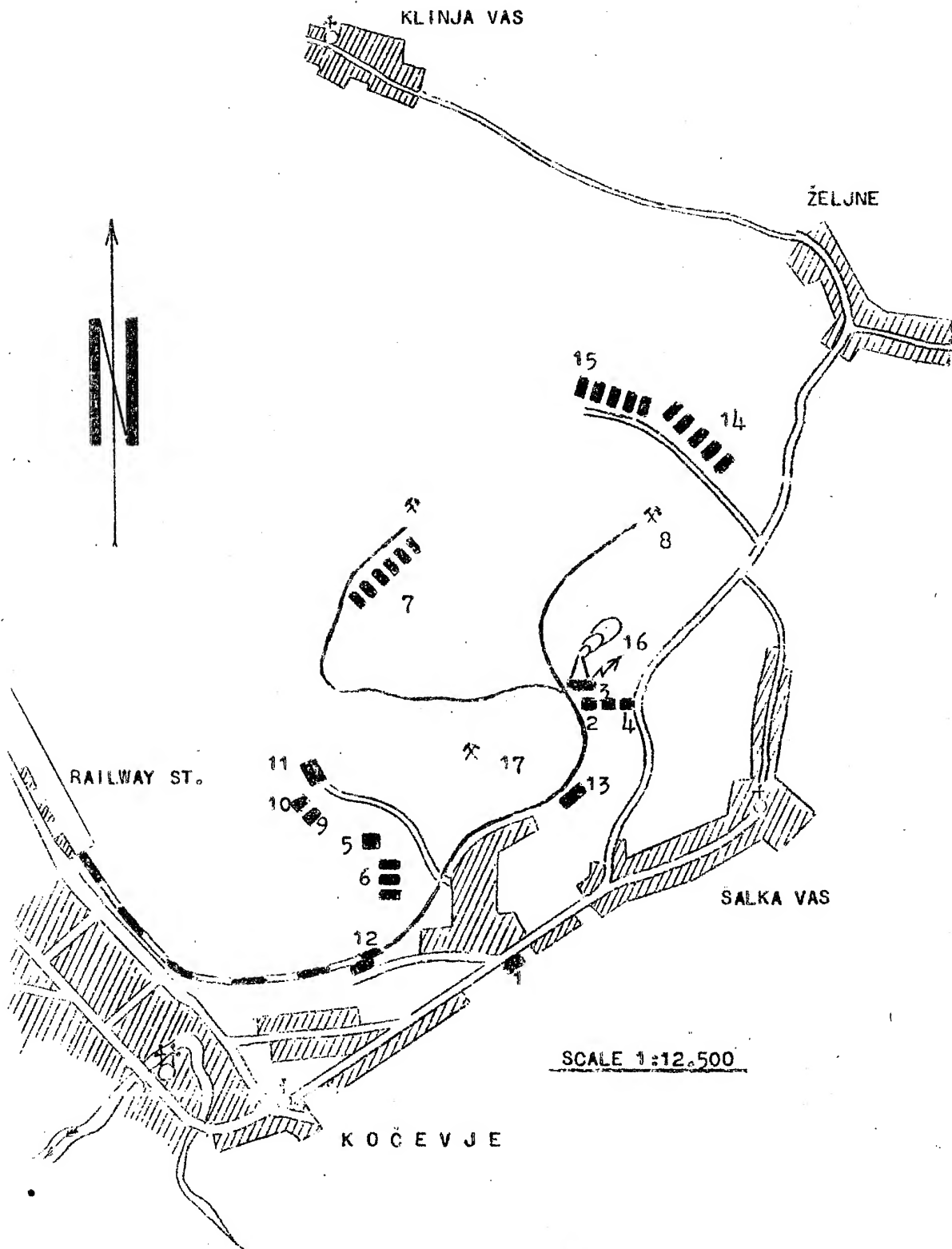
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